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Two NLM Regents Nominated

The Senate confirmed President Johnson's nomination of two new members to the Library's Board of Regents. They are Robert Higgins Ebert, M.D., Ph.D., Dean of the Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, and Frederick Herbert Wagman, Ph.D., Director of the University of Michigan Library, Ann Arbor. They have been appointed to replace retiring members Herman H. Fussler, Ph.D., and William N. Hubbard, Jr., M.D.

Dr. Ebert is a distinguished physician, researcher, and medical educator, knowledgeable in advanced and experimental approaches to medical teaching and communications. His interest in the role of the library in medical research and education qualifies him particularly well to advise on NLM programs. Dr. Ebert earned his M.D. at the University of Chicago in 1936, and a Ph.D. from Oxford University in England, where he was a Rhodes scholar. He held successively higher posts at the University of Chicago Medical School, Western Reserve University, and Harvard, where in 1965 he became Dean. He has been a member and officer of numerous professional societies, including the American College of Physicians, American Society for Clinical Investigation, American Thoracic Society (President, 1961-62), Association of American Physicians, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Wagman is an outstanding university librarian, well-versed in all aspects of medical library science and modern information-handling technologies. After earning his A.B. at Amherst College in 1933, he went on to receive the A.M. and Ph.D. degrees at Columbia University. Following some years of university teaching, Dr. Wagman joined the staff of the Library of Congress, where he served as deputy chief, assistant librarian, and (1952-53) director of administration. He became Director of the University of Michigan Library in 1953. Dr. Wagman was President of the American Library Association in 1963-64, and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Council on Library Resources, Inc., since 1956, and on the Executive Board of the Association of Research Libraries since 1965. He is a member of many other professional and learned societies.

New MEDLARS Station Named

The Ohio State University College of Medicine at Columbus was named early this month as the Library's newest MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System) Search Station, and is already in operation. Initial support in the

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1968 NLM Appropriation

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee has recommended approval of the President's Fiscal Year 1968 budget, including $21,162,000 for NLM. The House of Representatives approved a bill, H.R. 10196, which reduced by $2.5 million the amount requested by the President (see *NLM News*, June 1967). Representatives of the House and Senate will meet to work out a compromise appropriations bill.

Toxicology Information Program Convenes Experts

Representatives from medical schools, industry, professional societies, research institutions, and Federal agencies met at the National Library of Medicine June 13-14 to discuss classification and indexing for the Toxicology Information Program. Their recommendations to the Toxicology Information Coordinating Committee of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare were directed mainly at establishing working relations with primary journal editors, professional societies, universities, industries, and other groups.

In the summer of 1966, the President, following recommendations of his Science Advisory Committee, directed that HEW establish a computer-based Toxicological Information Program. This was in part the Federal government's response to the growing burden of an increasingly active chemical environment, which includes also the rise in the production and administration of pharmaceutical products.

The Department coordinating committee appointed by Secretary John W. Gardner determines policy for the Toxicology Information Program operated by the National Library of Medicine. The committee includes Dr. Philip R. Lee, Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs, Chairman, and Dr. Martin M. Cummings, NLM Director; Dr. James L. Goddard, Commissioner, FDA; Dr. Richard A. Prindle, Director, Bureau of Disease Prevention and Environmental Control, PHS; Dr. James A. Shannon, Director, NIH; and Dr. William H. Stewart, Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service.

Dr. Charles Rice is the Library's program chief. The program includes, in its broad responsibilities, the Drug Literature Program of the Library, which has already issued two experimental editions of a Toxicity Bibliography based on the publications covered by MEDLARS.

at Princeton, and the American Library Association Headquarters. He spent 1953-54 in England as a Fulbright Senior Research Fellow.

Erratum. In the report on the 70th Meeting of the Association of Research Libraries in the appendix to last week's Information Bulletin, the second paragraph on p. 547 should have read: "Title III of the Library Services and Construction Act provides support for interlibrary cooperation, John G. Lorenz (LC) pointed out."

The Ohio College Library Center, based at the Ohio State University, will have as its new director on September 1 Frederick G. Kilgour, Associate Librarian for Research and Development at Yale University since 1965. Founded earlier this year and recently incorporated as an autonomous, non-profit organization, the center is being designed as a computerized library to serve private and public colleges and universities in Ohio.

1967-68 SLA Scholarships Awarded. Winners of $1,500 scholarships awarded by the Special Libraries Association for graduate study at accredited library schools during the 1967-68 academic year are Norman Peter Cummins of Brooklyn, N. Y., Laura Nell Gasaway of Denison, Tex., Joan Marie Mann of Baltimore, Md., Frieda Ann Noell of Laramie, Wyo., Miss Janet Scott Reed of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Libby Potter Soifer of Gorham, Maine. The 6 winners were selected from 95 applicants representing 28 States and 8 foreign countries.

Notes on Publications

Historical Canadian newspapers are the subject of Fate, Hope and Editorials, compiled by Helen Elliot and published by the Canadian Library Association-Association Canadienne des Bibliotheques. Although essentially a catalog of Canadian newspapers of historical importance published during the period 1862-73 which have been microfilmed by the CLA-ACB as its Centennial Project and those filmed during the past 20 years, the publication also contains comprehensive notes indicating the trend of thought as reflected in the various newspapers, as well as a sampling of writings from editorial opinion to news coverage.

The newspapers are listed alphabetically by Province, then place of publication. The following information is included with each title: dates the newspaper was published, changes of title and history (when known), frequency, proprietors, publishers, editors, and editorial policy and content; also, the period microfilmed, number of reels, price, and the institutions holding positive microfilm copies.

This catalog is available for consultation in the Newspaper Reading Room. Paperback copies may be purchased from the Canadian Library Association-Association Canadienne des Bibliotheques, 63 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Canada, at $4 a copy.

Other services projected by the Toxicology Information Program will depend on the rate of development of an inventory of information sources and the capability of participating organizations to develop and adopt mutually acceptable terms, classifications, and codes appropriate to the exchange of data. At this stage, the program is occupied mainly with recruitment, plans, and developmental contracts.

Tribute to a "Librarian's Librarian"

The retirement of Verner W. Clapp from the presidency of the Council on Library Resources, Inc., marks the close of a particularly fruitful decade of imaginative devotion and service to the library world.

Mr. Clapp

The National Library of Medicine has been the beneficiary of Mr. Clapp's perceptive advice and assistance on many occasions. Outstanding among these was his advocacy of the Council's support of the NLM Mechanization Project in 1958-60. With the aid of a grant from CLR, the Library was able to undertake the mechanization of the *Current List of Medical Literature*, forerunner of *Index Medicus*. This indeed merits the title of "seeding project," for from it -- from the experience gained, from the recognition of limitations inherent in the then-new methods and equipment that were tried -- NLM received the impetus for developing the far more sophisticated MEDLARS. Verner Clapp, therefore, may be ranked as one of the prime movers of a major electronic literature analysis and retrieval program, already about to embark on its second generation.

The Association of Research Libraries, in company with many other learned societies, paid tribute to Mr. Clapp "for a lifetime of devoted and productive service to librarianship and scholarship" by conferring upon him the title of "Librarian's Librarian." The National Library of Medicine, too, acknowledges its profound appreciation of Verner Clapp's lasting and significant accomplishments.

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amount of $50,585 is being provided to enable the College of Medicine to serve as a resource for the State of Ohio for the vast literature of the biomedical sciences.

New Catalog of Sixteenth Century Imprints

Over 4,800 rare volumes printed in the sixteenth century are listed and described in the new *Catalogue of Sixteenth Century Printed Books in the National Library of Medicine*, compiled by Richard J. Durling, of the History of Medicine Division.

The catalogue should be of value, not only to the historian of medicine, but to the classical scholar, the philologist, and the historian of science, as well. Medical humanists of the Renaissance contributed much to the understanding and interpretation of ancient texts, and their commentaries provide valuable data for the classicist. The numerous vernacular texts, aimed at the lay population or the unlettered barber-surgeon, offer a rich variety of material to the philologist and student of modern languages.

Further, this collection, particularly strong in Italian imprints as well as those from Basel, Lyons, Paris, and Venice, will be rewarding to the historian of printing and publishing. There are also samples of work from little-known presses in remote localities, some perhaps unique. About 1500 printers and publishers and 188 printing centers in fourteen European countries are represented.

The 698-page volume (boards) comprises, in addition to the actual catalogue, indexes of printers and publishers (geographical and name), a concordance of STC items and serial numbers used in the publication, and an index of vernacular imprints.

It is available at $5.25 a copy from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. (Please do not order from the Library.)

New NLM Literature Search

L.S. No.	Title	Number of Citations
7-67	Rabies in Bats. Jan. 1964-July 1967.	24

Publication Note

Bibliography of Medical Reviews, Volume 12, 1967, will be available in September from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Volume 12 is a cumulation of the reviews appearing in the monthly *Index Medicus* for 1966. The price is $1.25 per copy.